

Huron-Manistee National Forests
Baldwin and White Cloud Ranger Districts
Yates Township Playground Special Use Permit

The Huron-Manistee National Forests proposes to issue a special use permit to Yates Township for a playground. The permit area is located in the SE1/4 NE1/4 Section 5, T17N, R12W (Yates Township), Lake County, Michigan. This area and the existing improvements, a backstop, basketball court, and access drive, are part of an unintentional encroachment by the previous adjoining owner, the Baldwin School District. The Township now owns the adjoining property containing the old school buildings and would like to be able to use the improvements as a Township park and playground. The Forest Service proposes to issue a special use permit for a term of 5 years to provide time to resolve the encroachment, either through the Small Tracts Act or removal of the improvements from National Forest land. No additional improvements beyond repair and maintenance of the existing ball field, basketball court, and driveway and mowing would be authorized by the permit.

If you have any comments or would like additional information regarding this proposal please contact Kathy Bietau, at the Baldwin/White Cloud office, P.O. Box Drawer D, Baldwin, MI 49304; (231) 745-4631; TTY (231) 745-8297, ext. 3117.